

Josefina Lara Chavez



Education

Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Concentration: Conflict, Security, and Development

August 2013 - May 2015

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Certificate in Peace Studies

January 2013 - July 2013

California State University, Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Minor: Peace Studies

August 2008 - June 2013

Professional Experience

Executive Director/Founder

Regeneration- Latine Alliance in Agroecology and the Food System

December 2023 - Present

Senior Manager

Latinx Farmer Program & Farm to Market, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Davis, CA

May 2019 - April 2024

- Established the Latinx Farmer Program, growing CAFF's network to 250+ Latinx farmers.

- Achieved record sales of \$1 million in 2020, with 95% allocated to Latinx farmers.
- Developed culturally relevant market-support training and provided supply chain consulting.

Farmer

Lara Organics - Farm and Food Hub, Hollister, CA

October 2021 - October 2023

- Managed operations and founded a Latinx immigrant food hub with six local farmers.
- Established sales channels in the San Francisco Bay Area and conducted educational workshops.

Market Manager

Everyone's Harvest, Seaside, CA

April 2018 - Present

- Lead market manager for four markets, enhancing farm participation and community engagement.

Program Manager

ProYouth, King City, CA

July 2018 - 2019

- Oversaw project development, defining processes and meeting quality requirements within the first year.

Peace Corps Volunteer

United States Peace Corps, East Java, Indonesia

March 2017 - March 2018

- Conducted English language classes and developed training materials for staff and volunteers.

Committee Involvement

- Small-Scale Producer Advisory Committee
Committee Member and Chair of the Emergency Response Subcommittee - California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
- Celebrating Women's Leadership in Food (CWLF)
Leadership Circle Member
- California Farmer Justice Collaborative
Committee Member
- National Young Farmers Coalition
Convergence Planning Committee Member
- Ad Hoc BIPOC Farmer Advisory Committee
Founding Committee Member - California Department of Agriculture (CDFA)
- National Farmers Union
California Delegate (2019, 2020)
- Middlebury Institute of International Studies
Founding Member - Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Presentations and Workshops

- Panel Presenter, International Seminar on Dreamers and U.S. Citizen Minors Exiled in Mexico With Their Deported Parents, California - Mexico Studies Center, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Recruiter and Trainer, Migrant Student Recruitment Coursework, Monterey County Office of Education-CSU Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA.

Languages

- English (Fluent)
- Spanish (Fluent)
- Bahasa Indonesia (Conversational)